



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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**Nathaniel H. Yohalem, Chair
Tara B. White
Michele Shalaby
Board of Selectmen**

Minutes of July 29, 2013

The meeting convened at 6:33pm

Board Members Present: Nathaniel Yohalem, Chairman
Tara B. White
Michele Shalaby

Others Present: Michael Skorput, Administrative Assistant
Nicole Reid, Administrative Secretary

Chairman Yohalem first thanked the Fire Chief and the president of the Fire Company for use of the building for the meeting. Also, the Board might like to have more meetings at the fire house since the meeting was well attended

The minutes of July 20th were approved as presented

Ms. Gretchen Long appeared before the Board to discuss a property parcel currently in Tax Title for nonpayment of taxes. The Town currently owns the property. She expressed interest in purchasing the land. Selectman White explained that the parcel is 8.1 acres located on Hadsell Street. The Land Trust expressed interest in purchasing 1.5 acres of the 8.1. Land Trust is in the process of having the 1.5 acres surveyed. Selectman White also stated the property is currently assessed at \$140,000.00 and the total amount owed as of today is \$25,889.88. The amount changes daily due to interest. Ms. Long states that she has lived in New Marlborough for many years and has no intention of building on the property. Her plan is to leave the property in its natural state. Ms. Long also mentioned that she intended to keep the property on the tax rolls. Chairman Yohalem asked Ms. Long if she would be comfortable with a stipulation in the deed stating the property could not be given to a non-tax organization unless it remained on the tax rolls. Ms. Long stated that she would be fine with the stipulation. The Board stated that it will send a letter to all abutters about the property and send a copy to Ms. Long.

Mr. Owen Hoberman, present in the audience, questioned how the Board will arrive at a sale price. Chairman Yohalem confirmed that it would consider the assessed value of the land plus any owed taxes and the interest. It will then negotiate with any interested parties.

The Board received a request from the Fire Department for a one day beer/wine permit on Saturday, August 17, 2013 regarding a pig roast.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve a one day beer/wine permit for the Fire Department.

Chairman Yohalem mentioned that the Board had a request from Highway Superintendent, Charles Loring to increase the pay for Christopher Chaffee and Lynn Renke-Kelsey, since each employee has met the 90 day probation period.

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to increase Mr. Chaffee's hourly pay by \$1.00 hour and Ms. Renke-Kelsey's hourly pay by \$.29 and this increase will be in effect this week.

Chairman Yohalem stated the Board is losing its Administrative Secretary, Nicole Reid, and Nicole's last day will be August 8th. Chairman Yohalem requested an ad be placed in the Shopper's Guide and the Berkshire Record. Chairman Yohalem also stated that the position would include the highway secretary position. Chairman Yohalem thanked Nicole for all of her hard work these past 14 months and stated "that we'll miss you and wish you well". A round of applause was given from the audience.

Chairman Yohalem stated the following appointed officers were not done previously and are retroactive to July 1, 2013

Name	Position (Office)	Term
Charles Loring III	Highway Superintendent	1 Year (retroactive to June 10, 2013)
David Hosford	Historical Commission	1 Year
Michele Dawson	Board of Registrars	3 Year
Anne Sommers	Cultural Council	1 Year
Charles Parton	Election Officer	1 Year
Roger Levine	Election Officer	1 Year
Elizabeth Olenbush	Election Officer	1 Year
Pia Bellinger	Election Officer	1 Year
Jack Bellinger	Election Officer	1 Year
Jennifer Miller	Election Officer	1 Year
Robert Miller	Election Officer	1 Year
Joan Clark	Election Officer	1 Year
Flora Winterbottom	Election Officer	1 Year
Barbara Kelly	Election Officer	1 Year
Prudence Spaulding	Election Officer	1 Year
Beverly Litchfield	Election Officer	1 Year
Scott Farrell	Election Officer	1 Year
Laura Davis	Election Officer	1 Year
Maureen Krejci	Election Officer	1 Year
Joseph Krejci	Election Officer	1 Year
Christina Parton	Election Officer	1 Year
Jane Tant	Election Officer	1 Year
Joyce Scala	Election Officer	1 Year
Myra Riiska	Election Officer	1 Year

Deloris Davis	Election Officer	1 Year
Stephanie Chretien	Election Officer	1 Year
Tara White	Election Officer	1 Year

A motion was made, seconded and so voted to approve the above appointed positions. Selectman White recused herself from voting on the election officers.

A motion was made seconded and so voted to appoint Ms. Claudette Callahan to the Historical Commission retroactive to July 1, 2013, (note: records indicate she was accidentally appointed to the Cultural Council.)

It was also noted that by error that Mrs. Maureen Hosford was appointed to the Cultural Council and she is not eligible to serve due to MCC regulations.

The Board received a job description from Mr. Ed Harvey, Emergency Management Director. The Board has reviewed the description and has approved it as to form with the exception of a few grammatical errors.

Mr. & Mrs. Kahn will appear at the Board of Selectmen meeting on August 26th regarding property on Cagney Hill Road.

Administrative Secretary, Nicole Reid provided the Board with an update in regard to the Foley Hill/Canaan Southfield culvert. Mrs. Reid stated "we are just waiting for MassDot to approve the Chapter 85 process and once the plans are approved and we receive a green light from MassDot the bid packages will be available".

Chairman Yohalem provided an update regarding second home owners and voting. At a previous meeting, second home owners expressed an interested in voting on non-financial matters at an annual or special meeting. The answer from Town Counsel is no – "you can only vote in one jurisdiction". A citizen would have to change his or her voting status and register to vote in New Marlborough.

The Board received a resignation letter from Bill Hattendorf of the Finance Committee. The Board will wait for a recommendation from the Finance Committee regarding an applicant to appoint until the next Special Town Meeting or Annual Town Election to fill Mr. Hattendorf's term.

The Board reviewed and discussed two estimates received for the culvert on Clayton Mill River Road. It will have a confirmed dollar amount and then it will schedule a Special Town Meeting.

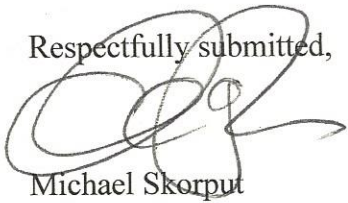
A motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept the proposal from Stantec for repair of the Clayton Mill River Culvert with estimated engineering costs totaling \$32,640.00.

Selectman Yohalem thanked everybody in the audience for attending the meeting.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made and seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:03pm.

Fire Chief, Charles Loring III offered a tour of the building.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MSK', is written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Michael Skorput
Administrative Assistant